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MEMO TO: North Dakota Educators

FROM: Laurie Matzke, Division Manager
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RE: Important Updates

Please note the following three updates:

- 1) AYP/Program Improvement
- 2) Homeless Liaison Certification Training
- 3) Presentations at AdvancED Conference

1) AYP/Program Improvement

Both school and district AYP reports are final and have been posted at www.nd.gov/dpi/report/profile on the department's website.

A statewide program improvement news release will soon be disseminated. All schools and districts identified for improvement for the 2015-2016 school year will be receiving formal notification with key information included within the memorandum. Please watch for this information to be electronically disseminated.

2) Homeless Liaison Certification Training

District liaison certification training has been developed and is being offered during the 2015-2016 school year for all district homeless liaisons. Registration materials were recently disseminated to all homeless liaisons and can also be accessed at www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/FTP/Programs_Initiatives/Homeless/.

We have received calls expressing concerns regarding the training. Please be assured that the trainings:

- ✓ Are short in duration,
- ✓ Can be completed at the liaison's convenience, and
- ✓ Are designed to help districts meet federal regulations.

The Division of Student Support & Innovation pledges to be flexible in assisting districts to meet the requirements and will provide technical assistance and guidance as needed throughout the process.

3) Presentations at AdvancED Conference

Three staff from the Division of Student Support & Innovation will be presenting at the AdvancED conference in Mandan on September 30 – October 1, 2015. A summary of these presentations can be accessed at www.nd.gov/dpi/events/AdvancED2015/.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this memorandum, please contact me at lmatzke@nd.gov or (701) 328-2284 or your assigned Student Support & Innovation contact person which can be found at www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/126/contacts.pdf.